poor student of rhetoric. Eh! good God! Mr. Provedi-tore, the evils of war are bad enough, I assure you, not to magnify them a hundred fold, and to broider on them ridiculous fairy tales!

I give the lie in due form to any one who dares assert that there has been one single woman raped by the French troops in Venetian territory. One would imagine, from the ridiculous note handed to me, that not one church, not one woman, in the provinces of Verona and Brescia, has been respected! You threaten me with rioting and the rising of the cities. This looks very like defiance. Are you authorized to take this step by your government ? Does Venice wish to declare against us ?

£lst, Verona:

The general-in-dhief has reviewed Mass^na's and Augereau's divisions. He has seen with pleasure the good condition of the troops, but with regret the scarcity of bayonets.

I had sooner see a goldier without his breeches than without his bayonet.

28th, Milan:

Alvintzy's army is on the Brenta and in the Tyrol. The army of the Republic is along the Adige, an advance guard in front of Verona and of Legnago. Mantua is closely blockaded.